

THE NORTH JERSEY UNIT

*National Association of Negro Business  
and Professional Women's Clubs Incorporated*



*The 42nd Annual  
Founders' Day Bunch*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1997  
10:00 A.M.

MAYFAIR FARMS  
481 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE, WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

THEME:

*Revering Tradition and Looking Forward to New Horizons*  
**Black Women's Hands Can Rock the World**

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

of the  
National Association of Negro Business  
and  
Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.



The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated was founded in the spring of 1935, when the late Mrs. Ollie Chinn Ported, then president of the New York club, invited Philadelphia and Atlantic City Business and Professional Women's Clubs to establish a national organization.

When Mrs. Porter was elected first National President in 1936, Black people were politely called Negroes. Very few had businesses or professions. Most were still deep in the throes of the depression. That these Black women had the courage to found such an optimistic organization is astounding and is lasting testimony to their faith in themselves, their people and the future.

The founders were owners, managers, college graduates, and other professionally licensed women who had managed to realize some measure of personal success, at a time when there was no national "movement" to improve the lot of Black Americans; when there was not "Black Capitalism" program nor any Black studies curricula. Still, they felt prepared to offer leadership.

Over the years, NANBPW has grown in numbers and in scope, conducting many needed community service activities which go far beyond the original purpose. Women have come a long way and so has NANBPW. NANBPW is a pioneer Black organization.

NANBPW has been there... and is here now, because some Black women are devoting their time, energy, and skills to make sure that the Founders' right idea will live on; growing and changing as the time demand. That is NANBPW NOW.

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\*Past President

\*\*Past Governor

\*\*\*Past National President

\*\*\*\*National Director of Education

## *Northeast District*

### *National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.*



*Dear President Morrison and Members of the North Jersey Unit:*

*I am very pleased to be able to extend warm and sincere greetings to the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. on the occasion of their Annual Founders' Day Celebration. Founders' Day is the time that our local clubs use to replenish their commitment to our community and our association. As we remember our Founders we rededicate ourselves to their dreams. We know what can be accomplished by Black Women. Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Madam C.J. Walker, Carol Moseley Braun and Betty Shabazz have all shown us that a Black Woman's hand can rock the world.*

*We also take this day to acknowledge the accomplishments of our community heroes and sheroes, those individuals whose contributions to improving the quality of our neighborhoods has helped to make a difference. Congratulations and thank you to each of today's award recipients.*

*Congratulations and thank you to the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. for its many years of service to our association and community.*

*Sincerely,*

*Conna M. Cook  
Governor*



*Welcome*

*To Our Forty-second Founders' Day  
Awards Breakfast*

*It is with my sincerest wishes that I extend greetings, welcome each of you, and thank you for your continued support, on behalf of the Executive Committee and members of the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.*

*To our honorees we laud you in recognition of your dedication, service, and conspicuous contributions to your communities. To our Scholarship Awardees we salute you in accomplishing academic success, in the first milestone of many toward your educational goals. To our scholarship contributors a special Thank You for your benevolent contributions which assist in enabling our organization to provide scholarships to deserving young people seeking to continue their education. To my club sisters thank you for your commitment, dedication, and support as we continue in our quest to make a difference in our communities.*

*Evelyn D. Morrison, President*

*"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."*

*Albert Schweitzer*

*Welcome from the 42nd Annual  
Founders' Day Brunch Chairperson*



On behalf of the Brunch Committee, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all in attendance for our 42nd Annual Founders' Day Brunch.

It is with a great sense of gratitude and appreciation that our Committee expresses our Congratulations and Kudos to all Honorees and Scholarship recipients. Your worthy endeavors have impacted our community as a whole and in a positive manner. It significantly enhanced each individuals' ability to succeed. Personal thanks for your leadership, strength, perserverance and dedication. May all your good deeds be returned ten fold.

Special accolades to the Branch Committee. You are to be commended for your dedication, camaraderie, expertise and tireless efforts towards making this occasion a success.

Louise James  
Chairperson



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. will celebrate its 42nd Annual Founders' Day on October 26, 1997; and

WHEREAS, distinguished community leaders in the State of New Jersey will be honored for their outstanding and dedicated services; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of excellent educational achievements, scholarships will be presented to students aspiring to business or professional vocations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been enriched by the many contributions of the North Jersey Unit through its advocacy and commitment for humanitarian services, namely: education, the arts, culture, health, aging, veterans and women's rights; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 42nd Annual Founders' Day is a time of renewal dedicated to the vision and legacy of the Founders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize and commend the

NORTH JERSEY UNIT

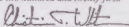
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AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

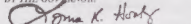
for its community service and outstanding leadership.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Jersey, this  
sixteenth day of October in the  
year of Our Lord one thousand nine  
hundred and ninety-seven and of the  
Independence of the United States,  
the two hundred and twenty-first.

  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

  
LONNA K. HOOKS, SECRETARY OF STATE

NORTH JERSEY UNIT 1997 LEONTYNE PRICE NATIONAL WINNER

*Julie Ann Whitely*



Julie Ann Whitely, a twenty-five year old dramatic soprano from Egg Harbor Township, won the first prize of \$2,700, in the National Finals of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition. It was held at the Hilton Hotel in New York City on Wednesday evening, August 6, 1997. Her program of oratorio, opera and art songs included Theodore Dubois' O All Ye who Travel Upon the Highway, Henri Duparc's L'Invitation au Voyage, Schubert's Die Allmacht, Margaret Bonds' He's Got the Whole World In His Hands and Richard Wagner's aria, Dieu Teure Halle from the opera Tannhauser. At the conclusion of her performance, Ms. Whitely was greeted by cheers and a standing ovation from the audience and the panel of five judges.

The Annual North Jersey Unit Leontyne Price Competition holds eliminations in each state in May, and regional eliminations in June. The top singers from each region appear in an adjudicated live concert to select the national winner. The first runner-up was Karen Marie Salek, a student at the Curtis Institute.

Ms. Whitely, the daughter of Crafton and Sybil Whitely of Cardiff, is an artist-pupil of Dr. Eugene Thamon Simpson (Rowan University where she pursued her studies for the Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. An Associate Faculty Member in Voice, she teaches vocal performance in the Rowan University Community Arts School and at the Camden School of the Arts. Ms. Whitely is a recipient of the Ann Ward Medallion for Performing Excellence, winner of the Rowan University Orchestra Competition, and A First Place Winner of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Auditions. She has made solo debuts with the Rowan University Chamber Choir at Carnegie Hall, The Mormon Tabernacle, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



## Scholarship Awardees

### PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

#### SHERIA MCKOY

Sheria is the daughter of Icylin Ellington and a 1997 graduate of Orange High School, Orange, New Jersey.

Sheria has always been academically motivated and set her goals at a young age. Science has always fascinated her and she plans a career in neurology and psychology.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, Assistant Secretary of the Library Club, Photographer for the school newspaper, a feature editor of the Yearbook, Vice President of the Multi-Cultural Club and was awarded a United States Achievement Academy National Award. She also volunteered her time at the White House Nursing Home in Orange, N.J., which has been a most satisfying experience.

Sheria attends Montclair State University, majoring in Biology.

### BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

#### NADIRAH NORVELL

Nadirah is the daughter of Veronica Norvell and a June 1997 graduate of East Orange High School, East Orange, N.J.

She participated in various activities including National Honor Society, Student Council President, Future Business Leaders of America, Computer Club, Marching Band and Volleyball.

Nadirah is a highly motivated young lady who wants to make a positive difference to society. She firmly believes that education broadens horizons and opens doors to opportunities.

She is presently attending Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., majoring in Computer Science.

### BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

CHERIE MCPHERSON attending Seton Hall University majoring in Computer Science.

NAKIA BROWN attending Jersey City State College majoring in Media Arts and Computer Science

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD***

***The Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Jr.***



Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Jr. was appointed to the Newark Israel Memorial AME Church in May 1991. He has played a significant role in providing leadership in the metropolitan Newark area.

Pastor Smart serves as the President of the Newark District Fellowship and holds numerous offices within the New Jersey annual conference. He was recently appointed to the County of Essex Welfare Workfare Task Force.

Because of Pastor Smart, the budget at Israel Memorial AME has grown from one hundred fifty thousand dollars to over four hundred thousand dollars and the congregation has grown extensively to over four hundred new members in six years. An expansion program of the present facilities is the focus for 1997.

Rev. Smart strives to maintain a standard of christian living through Evangelism, Proclamation of the Word, Stewardship, Worship Bible study and Prayer meetings.

The Rev. Dr. Smart attended Fisk University and is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Political Science. He did graduate work at Shippensburg Theological Seminary. He also holds a Doctorate from the University of California.

For the past 23 years, he has pastored churches Lebanon, Pa. and Chambersburg, Pa. before appointment to Israel Memorial.

Pastor Smart is married and has one child, and many unofficial adopted children who also call him dad.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD ESSEX COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC.



The Links is an international professional women's organization that is committed to educational, intercultural, and civic activities on a local, national and global level. The Essex County Chapter was established in 1986 and is a nonprofit organization based in Northern New Jersey.

These women are engaged in various professions and donate their time and expertise to the support of their community. They are involved in a Scholastic Aptitude Test program at four high schools, East Orange, Clifford J. Scott, Orange and Irvington. They supply the funds for instructor salaries, books, verbal skills and computer software. They hold a yearly Walk-a-thon for health and hunger. Distribution of brochures provide public awareness for free eye screening, diabetes and breast cancer throughout the local community. Their involvement with the youth includes scholarships, instructions in science and mathematics, cultural enrichment, summer library reading programs, summer camp scholarships including teen essay and art contests.

The Essex County Links strongly support the arts, talent showcases, African Heritage awareness, and instilled unity in South Africa by collecting and presenting black dolls to their youngsters. They also hosted a forum to raise money for the first Mammography machine for the women of Ghana.

### ESSEX COUNTY CHAPTER OFFICERS

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRIN	THELMA H. BROWN
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## **BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### ***Sheltry Ward***



*Sheltry Ward wife to Nathaniel J. Ward, mother of three and grandmother of four, has a strong belief in family. She makes frequent trips to Connecticut to visit her parents, other family members, and friends. Sheltry is a member of St. Matthews A.M.E. Church in Orange, New Jersey, the Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association; the New Jersey American Nurses Association; and the Enamel Guild Northeast. She has been a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. for more than twenty years. Sheltry has been dedicated to the philosophy of the club, and has worked on numerous programs and chaired several committees.*

*Sheltry has been a Registered Nurse for twenty-six years, and has been a member of the medical field for most of her adult life. She has many memorable experiences from the many areas of nursing in which she has worked including, the Operating Room, Hemodialysis, Visiting Nursing, Methadone Maintenance, W.I.C. and Subacute Pediatrics. She is currently employed at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey as a Utilization management Coordinator.*

*Sheltry's interests in the arts, travel, and business, have enhanced her life and the lives of others. In the mid-eighties, she started a home-based women's accessory business called "Egyptian Imports." She presently designs and creates unique and beautiful silver and enameled jewelry. (Be on the look-out for her personally designed "Sisters" pin).*

*The latest business venture for Sheltry is the acquisition of the South Street Home, an eleven-bed Residential Health Care facility, licensed by the State of New Jersey, offering twenty-four hour supervision, laundry services, medication supervision, and delicious meals. For the past ten years, Sheltry and Ada Banks, club sister and friend, have operated the Burnett Residence, a nine bed lodging facility, located in East Orange, New Jersey.*

*Sheltry exemplifies a commitment to community service and entrepreneurship. We are proud of her accomplishments and salute her as North Jersey Unit's Business Woman of the Year.*

## **PROFESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

### ***Roslyn Little Carter***

*Roslyn Little Carter, North Jersey Unit's, Professional Woman of the year balances her life between her family, career, church, community, and other interests. She is the wife of Robert J. Williams, mother of Scharron Nicole Little-Houston and Sean Nicolas Carter, grandmother of John Cameron Houston and Kyle Nicole Houston.*

*Roslyn and her family have enjoyed a long time religious affiliation with the Union Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where she is a member of the Inspirational Choir, and served on the 1997 Women's Day Committee.*

*In addition to her family and legal career, Roslyn rounds out her life by engaging in recreational activities such as traveling, snorkeling, collecting Caribbean art, and the theater.*

*A Magna Cum Laude, Rutgers University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Management, and a graduate J. Philip Levin Scholar, at Rutgers University of Law-Newark, Roslyn currently serves as Assistant Deputy Defender I, and Managing Attorney at Ocean Monmouth Regional Office. Prior to her present position she was Assistant Deputy Public Advocate II, Assistant Deputy Public Advocate III, and a Law Clerk in the Department of Public Advocate, Division of Health.*

*Roslyn's bar admissions include, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the United States Supreme Courts.*

*In addition to family, church, and recreational activities, Roslyn also finds time to participate in the following community activities; the Monmouth County Mental Health Board, Member of the American Civil Liberties Board, a fundraiser with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During her membership in the North Jersey Unit, of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Roslyn has served as Assistant Treasurer, and participated in various committees. A thorough and willing worker, Roslyn has shown by example her tenacity, and initiative when it calls for getting a job done.*

*We salute Roslyn Little Carter as a consummate professional in all of her endeavors, and our 1997 Professional Woman of the Year.*



## MAN OF THE YEAR

### Dr. Columbus Salley

*Superintendent of the Orange School District, Orange, N.J., President and Chief Executive Officer of a chain of Wendy's Restaurants in the Newark/New York Metropolitan Area, the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., do hereby recognize Dr. Columbus Salley, as a prolific educator, entrepreneur, writer, presenter, consultant, community activist, and a man of vision, as one of our awardees.*

*Dr. Salley received his Bachelor of Science degree from Chicago State University Master of Education from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, and his Doctorate of Education from the University of Pennsylvania.*

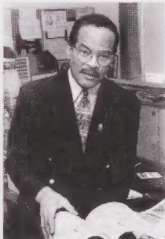
*Dr. Salley's educational related experiences include: Board Member, Essex County Vocational Schools; Senior Fellow University of Pennsylvania; Executive Superintendent of Newark Public Schools; Member Newark Board of Education; United States Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Director of Policy Planning and Program Development; Human Resources Center The University of Chicago; Consortium for Education; Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary; Administrative Assistant to the Principal at University City High School, Pennsylvania, and Teacher with the Chicago, Illinois Board of Education. Other employment experiences include various positions at Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich Publishers, Instructor at Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois.*

*Included in many of Dr. Salley's active and past membership affiliations are: American Association of School Administrators; American Educational Research Association; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Essex County Superintendent's Roundtable; National Alliance of Black School Educators; National School Board Association; Trustee- Newark Museum; Trustee-Newark Public Library and Urban Schools Superintendents of New Jersey.*

*Dr. Salley has written over sixteen education related publications one of which is; Salley, Columbus "Reforming Urban Schooling: The Newark Initiative" Newark, New Jersey The Sunday Star Ledger, March 18, 1984. Other publications include: The Black 100: A Ranking of The Most Influential African Americans, Past and Present, New York, New York: Carol Publishing Group, 1993, 1994; and Muhammad Ali: The People's Champion (A Children's Reader). Other than his written publications, Dr. Salley has participated in conferences, served as a principal presenter and trainer, consultant, keynote speaker, external critic, visiting professor, proposal reviewer, and external evaluator, throughout the United States, and in Paris, France, Germany, and Sweden.*

*Honors and awards have been presented to Dr. Salley by the: The Wendy's National Advertising Program, Inc. Trustee at large; Rockefeller Foundation Superintendent Internship Fellow; Who's Who Among Black Americans, and a Ford Foundation Fellow, Administrative Leadership Program, University of Pennsylvania.*

*Dr. Columbus Salley well deserves recognition for his many accomplishments in the field of education and his entrepreneurial pursuits. Members of the North Jersey Unit salute you as our 1997 MAN OF THE YEAR.*





## MAN OF THE YEAR

**Robert M. White, Jr., MD, FACP**

*Dr. Robert M. White raised and educated in Newark, New Jersey, and now a prominent oncologist in Maryland was featured in the Newark Star Ledger as a "role model who remains true to his roots in the city of his youth." Dr. White, son of Janet Carter White, a past president and long-time member of the North Jersey Unit, NANBPWC, Inc., attended Newark's Bergen Street School where he developed an interest in reading. While a student at Weequahic High he was mentored by two teachers; developed an interest in Science; was captain of the wrestling team at Weequahic High School and Newark City Wrestling Champion, he graduated in 1968 winning the Bausch & Lomb Science Medal. As a teenager Dr. White was involved in Boy Scout Troop 97 of the Robert Treat Council where he achieved scouting's highest honor the Eagle Scout Award. He also was the 1968 Newark South Ward Boys' Club, Boy of the Year and Mid-Atlantic States Regional Boy of the Year.*

*After graduating from Weequahic High School Dr. White attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut where he graduated in 1972 with honors, and a Bachelor of arts in Chemistry. In 1976 he earned a medical degree from the College of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, and then interned in medicine at CMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School Affiliated Hospitals. He completed his internal medicine training at Georgetown University Medical Center Affiliated Hospitals in Washington, DC. He completed additional training to subspecialize in medical oncology, the treatment of cancer, at the Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University. Dr. White did clinical and basic research training in endocrinology in the Endocrine Section, Metabolism Branch, National Cancer Institute, NIH in Bethesda, Maryland.*

*After ten years on the staff of the Howard University Cancer Center and Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, DC, Dr. White is currently a Medical Officer with the Division of Oncology Drug Products, Center for Drug Evaluation Research, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Rockville, Maryland. In June 1996 he received the FDA's Commendable Service Award. A member of the Endocrine Society and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, he is certified in internal medicine and medical by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He has published articles in the fields of endocrinology and oncology.*

*Dr. White was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) during the society's 78th Annual Session, 1997, in Philadelphia. Fellowship in ACP signifies high achievement in internal medicine and specialty of adult medical care. ACP Fellows use "FACP" after their names and medical degrees. Fellows of the American College of Physicians are recommended by their peers, endorsed by their local ACP Governor, and reviewed by ACP's national credentials subcommittee. ACP is the nation's largest medical-specialty society, composed of more than 89,000 physicians trained in internal medicine. Dr. White lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. His extra-curricular activities include scuba diving, judo, and compiling literature for re-analysis of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. Although a resident of Maryland, Dr. White has left an indelible mark in Newark, NJ, where he supports the Newark Fresh Air Fund, and serves as a positive role model for young people. It is with PRIDE that all of the North Jersey Unit members pay a special tribute to Dr. Robert M. White our 1997 Man of the Year.*



## **SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD**

### ***Pansy Greenleaf***

*Born and raised in Thomasville, Georgia Pansy Greenleaf relocated to New Jersey at the age of seventeen. Spanning a period of over sixty-five years, she was a resident of Newark's Central, East, and South Wards. At the time of her demise Pansy Greenleaf was a resident of the JC White Manor on Bergen Street in the Central Ward.*

*Mrs. Greenleaf exemplified the spirit of giving. She gave of her time, knowledge and love. She was a staunch supporter of the first Boy's Club in Newark. She was a Day Care "Mother" for the State of New Jersey. She was always willing to be apart of anything that would help children secure a meaningful future. Teenage mothers, in the former Chestnut Street School, were enriched by her support and guidance. One young woman helped by Pansy to achieve a high school diploma and go on to attend college stated: "Mrs. Greenleaf is one in a million! I could have never made it without her." Her accolades have also included, Grandmother of the Year, Mother of the Year, and Outstanding Service Award from her Center and community.*

*Pansy Greenleaf was admired for her court advocacy role. As a member of the Office on Aging and Social Service she attended court with those in need of guidance. Known by most judges Mrs. Greenleaf's appearance, and word, was instrumental in assisting many in their hours of greatest need.*

*An appointment by Governor Whitman to the N.J. Commission on Aging and the Office on Aging and Social Service fueled Mrs. Greenleaf's compassion and concern for her fellow seniors. She worked closely with the large constituency of seniors in her community. Concerned that many seniors were unaware, or did not understand, new legislation and the affects the laws would have on their benefits Mrs. Greenleaf sponsored a Senior Citizen Conference.*

*Mrs. Greenleaf's affiliations included, New Jersey PTA, Foster Mothers, Flamingo's Drill Team, Criminal Elder Program, Sherman Day Care Center, Newark Pre-School Council, R.E.C.A. Nutrition Council, Girl Scouts of Essex County, President of Fellowship Club, United Community Corporation, Life Member of National Council of Negro Women, Social Service Worker for the state of NJ Life and Legacy.*

*A member of the Central Presbyterian Church Mrs. Greenleaf was honored by her church for her leadership, dedication and spirit.*

*She also had a very noticeable role as an extra in the movie "The Preacher's Wife" starring Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston which was released in December 1996.*

*Mrs. Pansy Greenleaf leaves to celebrate her life her children, Louis, Joseph, Permelia, and Alva, twenty-five grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grandchildren. She joins those children already in God's care, Edna, George, and Mack.*

*The North Jersey Unit, NANBPWC, Inc. is privileged to pay homage to the achievements of Mrs. Pansy Greenleaf.*

***Pansy Greenleaf's life truly emulates the life of Sojourner Truth.***